

REMARKSClaims

The claims are amended to more clearly recite Applicants' invention. In particular, the independent claims are amended to specifically recite the separate control of the intensity of light emitted in at least one of the different light emission wavelengths of the recited light-emitting diodes.

Art rejection

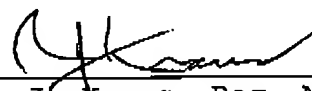
Attorney for Applicants respectfully traverses the rejection of all claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonehara (US Patent 4,870,484) in view of Siitari (US Patent 6,213,615). The patents to Sonehara and Siitari, whether considered individually or in combination, neither disclose nor suggest Applicants' invention as claimed. In particular, there is no disclosure or suggestion in either of these patents of at least the recited feature of separately controlling the intensity of light emitted in at least one of a number of different light emission wavelengths of respective light-emitting diode light sources.

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Concluding remarks

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, it is submitted that all claims in the application are patentable over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance.

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